GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Compartment No.134&135 of Marlagudem RF and Compartment No.138 of Bedadanole RF, Janagareddygudem Range, Eluru Division for laying of underground optical fibre cable (OFC) in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Vijayawada – Permission Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 10 **Dated: 25-02-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/9/2022/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-3, dated 26.09.2023.
2)State Govt. Letter No.2406/Section-II/2023/2245055, dated 15.11.2023.
3)From GoI, MoEF& CC, Sub-office of the RO, Vijayawada, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/437520/2023, dated 29.12.2023.
4)From PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/9/2022-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 11.01.2025.
5)State Govt. Letter No.2406/Section-II/2023/2245055, dated 24.01.2025.
6)From GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the RO, Vijayawada, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/437520/2023, dated 03.02.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Compartment No.134 & 135 of Marlagudem RF and Compartment No.138 of Bedadanole RF, Janagareddygudem Range, Eluru Division for laying of underground optical fibre cable (OFC) in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Vijayawada.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for in-principle approval under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the stipulated time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the issuance of final approval for the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, has accorded final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Compartment No.134 & 135 of Marlagudem RF and Compartment No.138 of Bedadanole RF, Janagareddygudem Range, Eluru Division for laying of underground optical fibre cable (OFC) in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Vijayawada, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land in Compartment No.134&135 of Marlagudem RF and Compartment No.138 of Bedadanole RF, Janagareddygudem Range, Eluru Division for laying of underground optical fibre cable (OFC) in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Vijayawada., subject to the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.3	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.4	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.28 ha.**
1.5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
1.7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.10	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.11	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Sub-Office, Vijayawada by the end of March every year.
1.12	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.13	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.14	The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the scheduled tribes and other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Acts 2006.
1.15	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. Standard conditions

S.No.	Conditions
2.1	NA

3. Specific Conditions

S.No.	Conditions
3.1	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain 100 number of seedlings in the degraded forest area identified in Compartment No.130, Battulavarigudem, Sunkollu Beat, Sunkollu section of Nuzvidu Range towards Compensatory afforestation at the cost of the User Agency.
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
3.3	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh,
Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

1.The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, 4th Floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003.

2. The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.

3. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

4. M/s.Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd, Vijayawada.

5. SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER